

# Antique Automobile Club of America



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## TREADS ON THE TUNDRA

Our last Club meeting was held at the Denali State Bank hosted by Gene and Tina Yurkovich. Thanks, Gene and Tina for your hospitality, which was much appreciated. As part of the business session, we considered the nominations for officers in the next year. It was agreed that the incumbents should be asked to continue for another year. Three, who were present at the meeting, accepted. The other has since been contacted and also accepts.

We also had a discussion on the program and newsletter in the coming year. There was a strong desire to return to former days in which the newsletter contained feature items as well as news of past and future meetings and activities. I have agreed to continue to produce the newsletter, but others will normally supply feature items which can be included. This time, you will see that Tina Yurkovich has supplied some recipes and ideas for Christmas ornaments for the ladies (and men too!) of the club. Thanks again, Tina. Further items were promised from other members on matters of interest. We can add a double sided page of items without much extra expense. Gene Yurkovich has also supplied some smart covers which have been used in the past for newsletters. We thought we would use these until something new was available. We discussed some distinctive emblem which could be used on the address side of the newsletter for decoration (and to distinguish it from junk mail, as someone said!!). Ed Christiansen offered to look for a suitable stamp which we could use.

On program matters, it was suggested that we seek a suitable theme and have a program of movies covering several meetings. There is a good movie film library provided by the AACA. Also Ford and other organisations loan films. I am looking for a theme for the first few months of next year.

The Christmas Party has been fixed for the 17th December at The North Country Inn at Fox. The Club will subsidize the event, but not fully, for lack of sufficient funds. Each member will pay \$5 for the meal. Guests will be charged at the full price of \$15. We will have entertainment with Stacy on the piano and a saxophone. We hope some club members will entertain us as well.

This month's meeting will be at the Chace home in North Pole. Thursday 17th November at 7pm. Bill and Joyce have teamed up with Ben and Stella Carpenter to give us a spaghetti feed and movie nostalgia of club events of past years. The Chace home is at 2364 Lori Lane, North Pole which may be found by taking the Badger Road exit at the overpass into Badger Road going east. Then take a right at Hurst Road and then right again at Lori Lane.

See you there..... RWS.

## QUICK CAKES FOR WORKING WOMEN

### MOIST'N CREAMY COCONUT CAKE

1 package yellow or white cake  
mix or pudding included cake mix.  
1 1/2 cups milk  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 cups Coconut  
3 1/2 cups or 1 8 oz. container  
of Cool Whip

Prepare cake mix as directed on package, baking in 13 x 9 inch pan. Cool 15 minutes then poke hole down through cake with utility fork. Meanwhile, combine milk, sugar and 1/2 cup of the coconut in saucepan. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer 1 minute. Carefully spoon over warm cake, allowing liquid to soak down through holes. Cool completely. Fold 1/2 cup of the coconut into whipped topping and spread over cake. Sprinkle with remaining coconut. Chill over night. Store leftover cake in refrigerator.

### CHOCOLATE-CHERRY CAKE

1 package fudge cake mix without pudding  
1 (21-oz) can cherry pie filling  
2 eggs, beaten  
1 teaspoon almond extract

Combine first 4 ingredients in a large bowl; stir until well blended. Pour into a greased and floured 13 x 9 x 2 inch baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Spread with frosting.

### CHOCOLATE FROSTING

1 cup sugar  
1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon butter  
1/4 cup milk  
1 cup semisweet chocolate morsels

Combine sugar, butter, and milk in a saucepan. Bring to a boil and cook 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; add chocolate morsels. Stir until mixture is smooth.

THE ABOVE RECIPES CAME FROM THE SOUTHERN LIVING MAGAZINE.

*As long as you keep it simple — and many Victorians, especially those in the wild, wild West, did — your 19th-century Christmas tree doesn't have to cost more than Santa's celebrated gift list. Remember that many of the items Victorians loved to see on the tree are not expensive now. Many decorations were homemade, and in both centuries, no serious decorator ever passed up a bargain, so don't be shy about hitting the half-price sales the day after the holiday.*

# Homemade Ornaments



BY NANCY A. RUHLING

**T**o give your tree a cozy-country look, here are some suggestions:

**Stock up** on lights. The more the merrier. At night, when the tree is aglow, the ornaments are barely visible, so a lot of light will hide the bare spots.

**Old standbys** like popcorn and cranberries can be made into garlands to loop through the branches. And don't forget the pretzels, candied fruits and candy canes.

**Gingerbread**, especially if it is beautifully iced and decorated, looks great — if you can place it on the tree without taking a few bites first. And don't forget all kinds of decorated cookies.

**Paper doilies** from the store can be hung plain to represent snowflakes or can be jazzed up with Victorian stickers or scenes from wrapping paper and pieces of tinsel and commercial garland.

**Antique postcards** or reproductions can be set in the branches or tied onto the tree with ribbon.

**Nuts** can be spray-painted silver or gold and either hung separately or in bunches tied up with ribbon.

**Apples and oranges** are still great treats. Try covering them with cloves. The oranges can be carved into baskets that hold other tasty goodies.

**Old greeting cards**, especially Christmas ones, can be propped up under the tree or loaded into the branches.

**Old tins** grouped under the tree look great on top of a piece of antique lace.

**Any antique toy or trinket** — maybe you have some from your family — makes a nice addition and harks back to the time when gifts were put in the branches.

**Crocheted snowflakes** decorated with glitter are showy.

**Just for looks** clamp a few candles onto the tree. Red ones look particularly nice. But never even consider lighting them. These are one item that are for show only.

**Don't forget** pine cones. A little glitter does a lot.

**Old-fashioned** ice cream cones doused with sparkles topped with homemade hanging handles are good for holding potpourri and are an aromatic plus if the tree is artificial. Or try decorating them with scraps of old fabrics and trims.

**Place stocking stuffers** on the tree: (A child's pocket kaleidoscope, which sells for about \$2.50, would be ideal.)

**Hollowed-out eggs** when painted with flowers, are delightful.

**Wooden spools** — if you were smart enough to save them — can be strung together then painted to resemble people. Pipe cleaners can be used to form hands and feet.

**Paper chains**, which most of us remember gluing together in grade school, look nostalgic when made from reproduction Victorian wrapping paper.

**Old beads or pieces of jewelry** will make the tree glitter.

**Fancy buttons** tied in strings or sewn on antique lace are real attention-getters.

*Decorating a tree is an ongoing process. Part of the process is coming up with something new every year. Anything that looks Victorian is fair game. Victorians loved experimenting, so don't be afraid to branch out when it comes to the Christmas tree.*

